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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Elizabeth M. Cole

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

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1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9/30/04 has been entered.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1-2, 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over DE 19807752 to Harder et al, (equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,432,529) for the reasons set forth in paragraph 2 of the previous office action. With regard to the limitation that the claimed composition "comprises a residual volatile component fraction of in total less than 50 ug/g", Harder teaches at col. 7, lines 1-13 that the adhesive composition may have a fogging number of 100 and can be rated as 1, which means that no residues are detectable. Harder teaches that the adhesive contains "minimal to no residues". While Harder does not disclose the amount of volatile residue in the terms claimed in the instant claims, Harder discloses that the maximum content is 1% but that the composition may be such that no volatile residues are present. Further, Harder teaches the same composition as the instantly claimed composition and the same materials can not have different properties. Therefore, the rejection is maintained.

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4. Claims 1-3, 5-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harder et al DE 19807752 (equivalent to US 6,432,529) in view of Harder et al, DE 4313008, (equivalent to Harder et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,613,870 for the reasons set forth in paragraph 3 of the previous office action.

5. Applicant's arguments filed 9/30/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Harder does not teach the claimed residual volatile component fraction of less than 50 ug/g. However, Harder teaches that the adhesive preferably contains no volatile residues and that the composition may be rated as 1 and have a fogging number of 100 which means that no residues are detectable. Therefore, if no residues are present, this would meet the claimed residual volatile component fraction. With regard to the arguments regarding the lack of enablement in Harder, since Harder teaches how to make the claimed tape and composition so that it has a fogging number of 100, the Harder reference is enabling.

6. With regard to Harder '008, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ an entrainer as taught by Harder '008 to assist in the devolatilization process, (see col. 2, lines 21-23).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth M. Cole whose telephone number is (571) 272-1475. The examiner may be reached between 6:30 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Wednesday, and 6:30 AM and 2 PM on Thursday.

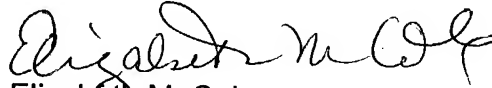
Mr. Terrel Morris, the examiner's supervisor, may be reached at (571) 272-1478.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth M. Cole".

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